

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for filtering fluids conveyed at high pressure, ~~the device comprising with~~ an inlet opening, an outlet opening and a metal housing enclosing a filter chamber and having a service opening closed by means of a first lid, also of metal, which is seated by ~~the~~ action of a contact force on a rim portion surrounding the service opening in direct contact with the metal ~~of the housing~~, ~~the~~ a rim surface of the rim portion associated with the first lid sloping between [[its]] ~~an~~ inner boundary edge that is associated with the service opening and [[its]] ~~an~~ outer boundary edge such that the rim surface forms an angle deviating from 90° with ~~the~~ ~~an~~ adjacent inside surface and outside surface of the rim portion and ~~the~~ a sealing contact surface obtained between the first lid and the rim portion is substantially linear, and wherein there is arranged inside the filter chamber a filter element through which fluid flows ~~on its way~~ from the inlet opening to the outlet opening.
2. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the filter element is a filter body which is seated on ~~one of the~~ a wall[[s]] that defines the filter chamber and through which the fluid can flow in [[the]]a region of at least one of its peripheral surface[[s]]of the filter element.
3. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein [[the]]a sealing surface of the filter element surrounds the outlet opening.
4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the filter element is biased by a resilient force acting from the filter chamber on [[the]]a sealing surface.

5. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 2 wherein the filter element is cylindrical in shape.
6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 5 wherein the metal housing is tubular and [[the]]service openings are formed on [[the]]end faces of the tubular metal housing.
7. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the metal housing is tubular.
8. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the first lid[[s]] and a second lid are mutually tensioned.
9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8 wherein the tensioning is obtained by tension screws or tension bolts that act like expansion screws.

10. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 8 wherein the inlet opening is formed in one of the first lid[[s]] and the outlet opening is formed in the other of the second lid[[s]].